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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S  
YEAR (WCIWY)

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1. BELOW IS A LIST OF THE INDIAN DELEGATES TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY  
WITH BRIEF BIO:

A. NANDINI ESS CHIEF MINISTER OF ORISSA:

MRS. SATPATHY, 44 IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY OF INDIA (CPI). SINCE JOINING CONGRESS IN THE  
50'S, SHE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONGRESS  
PRO-SOVIET LEFT. MRS. SATPATHY ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF  
MRS. GANDHI. SHE CAN BE UNCOMPROMISING AND OUTSPOKEN  
OR AMICABLE AND CHARMING AS THE OCCASION PERMITS.

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SHE IS ATTRACTIVE. MRS. SATPATHY WILL CHAIR THE INDIAN  
DELEGATION.

B. MRS. H. K. KOCHAR, SECRETARY OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS: MRS. KOCHAR, 41, IS A MEMBER OF THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE AND HAS SERVED IN PARIS AND LONDON. SHE IS WELL-INFORMED, WESTERN-ORIENTED AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S.

C. MRS. PURABI MUKHERJEE, GENERAL SECRETARY, CONGRESS PARTY: MRS. MUKHERJEE, 52, IS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND ONE OF THE FOUR GENERAL SECRETARIES OF THE CONGRESS PARTY. THOUGH ACTIVE IN LEFTIST POLITICS DURING HER STUDENT DAYS, SHE IS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE A "CENTRIST" IN CONGRESS PARTY POLITICS.

D. COL. PRAN NATH LUTHRA, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE: COL. LUTHRA, 54, WAS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE BRITISH INDIAN ARMY. HE JOINED THE INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AFTER INDEPENDENCE. HE HAS BEEN WELL-DECORATED FOR HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE TROUBLED NORTHEAST AND HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOKS ON THIS AREA.

E. MRS. AMBICA SONI, SECRETARY, INDIAN YOUTH CONGRESS, AND JOINT IN CHARGE, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, CONGRESS PARTY: MRS. SONI, WHO APPEARS TO BE IN HER 30'S, IS A YOUNG, ARTICULATE PRO-SOVIET LEFTIST IN THE CONGRESS PARTY BUREAUCRACY. SHE IS WELL-EDUCATED, SPEAKS WITH AN "OXBRIDGE" ACCENT, AND BECOMES VERY DEFENSIVE WHEN INDIA IS DISCUSSED.

F. MRS. PARVATHI KRISHNAN, COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA MP: MRS. KRISHNAN, 56, IS A LEADING PARTICIPANT IN COMMUNIST LABOR AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES IN INDIA. SHE IS SOLIDLY PRO-SOVIET, A GRADUATE OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY. BOTH HER FATHER AND HER BROTHER SERVED IN CONGRESS UNION CABINETS.

G. MRS. SHYAMLA PAPPU, SUPREME COURT ADVOCATE: MRS. PAPPU, WHO IS AROUND 40, BEGAN HER LAW CAREER AS THE ONLY WOMAN AMONG 300 ADVOCATES IN THE MYSORE HIGH COURT. SHE LATER UNCLASSIFIED  
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MOVED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN NEW DELHI, AND IN 1971 WAS APPOINTED STANDING COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN THE DELHI HIGH COURT - THE FIRST WOMAN TO SECURE SUCH AN APPOINTMENT. SHE HEADS THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S LAWYERS IN INDIA AND IS ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING AND IN CONTRIBUTING HER SERVICES TO LEGAL AID FOR POOR WOMEN.

H. MR. E.A. SRINIVASAN, FIRST SECRETARY, PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UN: MR. SRINIVASAN, 53, IS AN INFORMATION SPECIALIST. HE HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE

PUBLICITY DIVISION OF MEA AND AS PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AT  
A NUMBER OF INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD.

I. MRS. PADMA RAMACHANDRAN, SPECIAL OFFICER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR: NO BIO DATA AVAILABLE.

J. MRS. SAKINA HASSAIN, OF ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY AND  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF  
WOMEN: NO BIO DATA AVILABLE.

2. AS REPORTED REF A PRIME MINISTER GANDHI WILL ALSO  
ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IF HER SCHEDULED MID-JUNE  
VISIT TO MEXICO CITY TAKES PLACE.

3. WE HAVE PROVIDED MEA WITH A LIST OF THE U.S.  
DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE.SCHNEIDER

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